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Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia March 18. 1868.

Dear Sir,

Inasmuch as the Empress of France caused a specimen of International Coin to be struck, it would seem proper for us to return the compliment, and make a Five dollar Gold piece, according to the new weight & diameter proposed. I mean of course, as a new shew piece, and to sharpen public interest and attention. To this end I have caused to be prepared a correct Model of an American Eagle for the obverse, & drawings of Emblems representing Concord for the Reverse, are being prepared. The obverse will bear the Legend, United States of America, & date; & the reverse, the inscription.

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– Five Dollars – 25 francs –
I hope to make it
a reasonable price especially
as we have obtained a
fine Model of a Real
Eagle.

Very Respectfully
Your Friend & Obt. Svt.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury
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Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

In as much as the Emperor of France caused a specimen of International Coin to be struck, it would seem proper for us to return the compliment, and make a Five Dollar Gold piece, according to the new weight and diameter proposed. I mean of course, as a mere showpiece, and to sharpen public interest and attention. To this end I have caused to be prepared a correct model of an American eagle for the obverse; and drawings of emblems representing Concord for the reverse, and being prepared. The obverse will bear the legend "United States of America" and date; the reverse, the inscription "Five Dollars – 25 Francs."

I hope to make it a creditable piece especially as we have obtained a fine model of a real eagle.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman,
Director